

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 27, 2019

### **Preparedness Month**

All entries must be submitted for the Preparedness Month drawings by 5:00 pm, Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be drawn from the entries in each of the Preparedness Task drawings and a grand prize winner will be drawn from all entries submitted.

### **Mayor's Ball**

The Fourth Annual Mayor's Ball will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. Come celebrate the work that has been completed on the Armory and help us move forward and continue the work on the beautiful building. Music for the event will be by Blue Skies Big Band and the Jewel Tones. The keynote speaker will be Major MJ Hegar, an accomplished military helicopter pilot, Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross with valor recipient and author. Tickets are available by calling (541) 942-2441 or visiting [www.cottagegrove.ejoinme.org/mayorsball2019](http://www.cottagegrove.ejoinme.org/mayorsball2019). You don't want to miss this event.

### **Biggest Model Railroad Show in Lane County**

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad will be holding their annual Model Railroad Show in the Cottage Grove Armory October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free and it is great fun for the entire family.

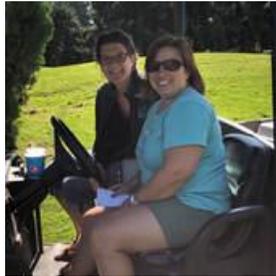
### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1130 Dublin Lane. It is an inviting space, well maintained, with a variety of established shrubs, and a splash of fall color. We had several this week that were deserving of recognition, however this concludes the 2019 Yard of the Week season. Thank you to everyone that submitted nominations and congratulations to all of this year's Yard of the Week winners. We look forward to May, 2020 to start the season again.

### **Fundraiser Held at Middlefield Golf Course**

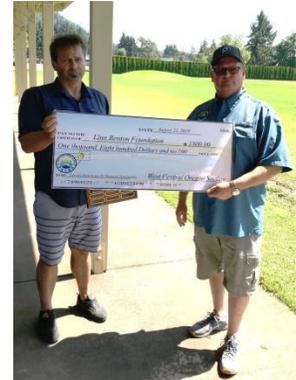
The West Central Operators Section of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (a non-profit group) held their 2019 Linn Benton Community College Fundraiser at Middlefield Golf Course, conducting a golf tournament on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Association supports Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators by offering continuing education and training related to the operation of wastewater treatment plants. Each year the association provides a scholarship to one Linn Benton Community College (LBCC), 2nd year student. The scholarship pays for all of the student's tuition, books, and DEQ testing to become a Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Winners of the tournament were our very own City Team; Keith Rowling, Ray Pardee, Andrew Vandehey, and Roger Vandehey. The closest to the pin contest was won by Keith Rowling. The longest drive winner was Dylan Rowe. Tournament sponsors included Fisher RPM, Owen Equipment, Ninkasi Beer, Xylem, Inc. and the City of Cottage Grove.



Thank you to everyone that made this event possible. Extra special recognition to City employees, Erich Schroeder, Jennifer Violette and Mindy Roberts for their assistance with organizing the tournament, as well as their willingness to assist with the beverage cart.

The winner of the 2019 LBCC Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,800 is Ferenc Ipacs-Szabo, pictured below with Association President, Craig Prosser.



### **Bond Financing Completed**

The 2019-20 budget calls for financing of various projects to be started, and or be completed during the year. Specifically, Water Treatment Plant upgrades of \$1 million dollars, Wastewater effluent infrastructure projects of \$3.2 million dollars, and Wastewater Infrastructure of \$1.4 million dollars. The City Council authorized Bond Financing of those projects and included additional funding for Armory Improvements of \$1 million dollars and water meter upgrades from manual read to automated read of \$1.1 million dollars, in an effort to capture cost savings of both bond issuance costs and interest rate. A Supplemental Budget is anticipated to provide for the revenue and expenditures of those projects not previously planned for this fiscal year.

As part of the process, S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA' long-term rating to our new series 2019 bonds, and at the same time, affirmed its 'AA' long-term rating on the city's previously issued general obligation (GO) debt, noting that the outlook is stable. On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the City's bonds were offered to the public. The yield on the bonds (measure of annualized interest cost for the City and return on investment for the buyer) is 1.8601%.

### **Cottage Grove Library Activities and Events**

- Saturday Crafternoon - Saturday's at 1:00 pm, bring your craft project to work on in a fun environment at the Cottage Grove Library.
- Bilingual Family Storytime - Monday's at 6:30 pm, come join us for a fun evening of stories, crafts, music and more. All ages welcome to this family event at the Cottage Grove Library.
- Lego Club - First Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm, 4 – 12 year olds. Join us for a fun and awesome Lego experience where you can create your very own unique Lego sculpture to display at the Library.

- Museum Family Passes - Come to the Library to check out a Family Pass for either the Cascades Raptor Center or the Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon. These passes provide free access for adults and youth to experience the amazing displays at each venue.

### **Library Summer Internships**

This Summer the Cottage Grove Library had two paid Summer Interns working in our community. The Inclusive Internship Initiative (III), a program of the Public Library Association (PLA), funded an intern for our library who created a bilingual tech help program and provided exemplary service to the community, in particular connecting with members of the Latinx community within Cottage Grove and providing cultural guidance for collection development and translation into Spanish. Additionally, she partnered with Gloria Campuzano to put on a bilingual acting workshop based on a Rafael Pombo poem. The III internship was provided by PLA with funding from a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant. Library Services Director, Pete Barrell, wrote the grant application for this project and our library was selected by PLA through a nation-wide competitive selection process. Last weekend our intern had the unique experience of making a public presentation about her summer experience and project at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Please see attached article about III that appeared in the American Library Association American Libraries Direct magazine this week.

The library had a second paid intern funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program at Cottage Grove High School. This intern focused on working with Youth Services to gain more experience with children's programming and has started classes this fall at Northwest Christian University in Eugene.

### **New Police Department Assignments**

Cottage Grove Police Department recently announced several position changes within the department. Officer Jason Cross has been assigned to the open Detective position in Investigations which has been vacant for the last year. Officer Cory Stevens will be the new School Resource Officer. Officer Stevens replaces Officer Chris Joyce, who plans to retire at the end of the year.

### **Milestone/Retirement**

Captain Doug Skaggs retired from the police department after 30 years in law, the last 21+ years with the Cottage Grove Police Department. Doug started with the Warm Springs Tribal Police in 1989. In 1991 he was hired at the Toledo Police Department holding the position of Police Officer/D.A.R.E Officer. Doug left Toledo to join the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 1994 and in 1998 he joined the Cottage Grove Police Department. He held the positions of Officer, Corporal and his last position of Captain. Doug's knowledge will be missed along with his quick wit and sense of humor. Congratulations Doug.



## **Police Chief Recognizes Officers and South Lane Fire and Rescue Personnel**

On Monday night during the City Council Meeting, Police and Fire personnel were honored.

- Officer Fred Dilworth received a certificate of appreciation for his heroism in the rescue of a female driver trapped in a overturned vehicle submerged in water on December 23, 2018.
- On April 17, 2019, police dispatch received a call of a highly intoxicated and suicidal female in the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, located on the north edge of the city. Officer Jarrod Butler, first on scene, located the female and attempted to assist by giving the female boards to hold onto. The female pushed the boards away and continued downstream in high and fast moving water. At this time, Detective Tamara Miles arrived and served as a spotter on the opposite side of the river, directing Officer Butler to the female's location. Officer Butler was able to grab ahold of the female while laying extended from the river bank. Captain Skaggs positioned himself to hold Officer Butler's duty belt to ensure he was not pulled into the water.

South Lane Fire and Rescue personnel arrived and Captain Brad Mabie joined Officer Butler in the water to rescue the female. Initially, the female actively fought to break free from the grip of Officer Butler. Eventually, Officer Butler and Captain Mabie were able to raise the female's hand high enough for other rescue personnel to drag her to safety on the bank. Since the initial call, the female had been in the frigid water for at least 27 minutes and during this time, Officer Butler was able to maintain his grip for over 7 minutes by himself.

Officer Butler and Captain Mabie received the Medal of Distinction for saving this female's life. Captain Skaggs and Detective Miles received certificates of appreciation for their part of this rescue. Other fire and rescue personnel contributed to this incident, in addition to the above mentioned personnel. Thank you for a job well done.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Reading is to the mind, as exercise is to the body.”*

*~Brian Tracy~*